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MUSIC: THEME

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BESS: Hello, Ranger Station.....Wind now ten miles an hour?... All right, I have it. Thank you....(PHONE RINGS)....Hello Ranger Station....Yes, that's the new sawmill outside the boundary. Put it on your false smoke list....That's right Yes, I guess we're all prayin' for rain..... Goodbye.... (CALLS) Oh, Jim...Jerry, where's Jim?

JERRY: He's right in there at his desk, Mrs. Robbins. (CALLS) Hey Jim....

JIM: (OFF) Yeah?

BESS: Jim, Harry Devonshire called us a minute ago.

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Hey Jim....

(OFF) Yeah?

JIM:

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BESS:

JIM: (COMING UP) Harry Devonshire of the Willow Glen Clarion? What did he want?

BESS: He wanted to know when we're going to have another forest fire.

JIM: (EXPLODING) When we're going to...Doggone it, I s'pose he's just itching for our woods to burn up so his paper can have a big headline, huh?

BESS: No Jim. He said he wanted to write a story to help us in our fight against fires.

JIM: Oh that's different.

JERRY: Shucks, with things as dry as they are right now we're apt to have fires all over the place. Harry could help more right now, at the light end of a shovel than pecking away at a typewriter, I'd say.

JIM: I don't know about that Jerry. I reckon the printed word can help a lot.

JERRY: Well, they say the pen is mightier than the sword, but you gotta show me where a folded newspaper can beat a good old fire rake in putting out a fire.

JIM: Just the same, Jerry, if you added up all the fires that never got started in the first place because folks took to heart what they read about being careful with fire in the woods, well, you'd have a mighty impressive total of fires you didn't have to put out, my boy.

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BESS: Pine Cone Ranger Station.....Oh, hello Mr. Devonshire...
Just a moment...(TO JIM) It's Harry Devonshire again, Jim.
Do you want to talk to him now?

JIM: Okay.... (RECEIVER OFF) Hello, Harry. Want a fire story,
huh.... Yeah, that's right, we've had quite a few fires
already, and the weather's been against us too....Yep,
we're awful short-handed on our regular fire crews too.....
You want to know why we haven't had any real bad fires in
spite of all that, huh? How we've managed to keep 'em
from getting the best of us?..... Secret weapon?
Well, there's posters all over the country showing that our
carelessness is the enemy's secret weapon.....Oh, you
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we've got some good equipment, Harry, and the Forest
Service keeps right on working all the time to improve our
fire tools, but get this, Harry. The best all-around
substitute for man-power on a fire line is more man-power...

BESS: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Jim, there's an emergency call coming in...

JIM: All right, Bess. (TO PHONE) Hello, Harry?....Look, you'll
have to excuse me now. We've got an emergency call...So
long, Harry.

HANGS UP

HERB:

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BESS: (TO PHONE) Hello, Tom.... Yes? ...All right, let me have the reading....

JIM: What is it, Beas, a fire?

BESS: Yes. South side of High Peak, Jim; where that concentration of lightning strikes was reported last night. Smoke's building up pretty fast, the lookout says.

JERRY: Gosh, that's right in that bad slash area, Jim, and water's scarce as hen's teeth in that country.

JIM: Yep. Well, start your crews out, Beas. You'll have to be a fire dispatcher. I reckon you'd better send up the Smithville crew and that bunch out of Willow Glen. They're closest to that area. And tell the Winding Creek Crew to stand by. And get hold of Marry Holloway in case we need an extra driver on the truck.

BESS: All right, Jim.

JIM: And when you get a chance, call Harry Devonshire again, and tell him I'm afraid we've got a real fire (FADE) this time...

MUSIC: INTERLUDE

FADE IN CRACKLING FLAMES, VOICES OFF, SOUND OF SAWING

JIM: That's it, Gene..Good work, Paul. You boys are fire-fighting fools for sure!..Look out now, that snag's about ready to fall....(SHOUTS) Timberrr!

TREE FALLS WITH CRASH, THEN SUSTAIN SOUND OF SHOVELLING AND AXE WORK OFF

(In tones) Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello.

have the feeling...

What in it, then, a time?

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seemed as if it were in that country.

Yes. Well. I don't know what you mean. The...

be a time of trouble. I don't know what you mean. The...

disturbance over and over again out of William...

They're of course to that area. And tell the...

Great to know it. And get hold of Henry...

need an entire nation on the...

All right.

And when you get a chance, call Henry...

tell him the situation as we get a new...

and to the...

It is the...

That's all, then. Good night. Good night.

From the...

Tell... (In tones)

... (In tones) ...

JIM: Nice going, boys. You dropped her right where she was supposed to fall.. Clean up your job here and then move up along the line.

JERRY: (COMING ON) Jim, we got through to Mary in Winding Creek.. She said she'd try to get some water and extra pumps to us some way.

JIM: We could use more water here, lots of it....

JERRY: Yeah, but I don't see how she's gonna manage it, Jim. All our regular pump equipment's already on the job.

JIM: I know...H-m-m. With some more water, we'd finish this fire up (FADE) in jig-time.

PAUSE:

JIM: (FADING IN) (SHOUTING) That's it, Bill. Get that log off the fire line.. Clear off!

JERRY: Gee, those fellas act just like old hands at fighting fire, Jim.. Don't they.

JIM: Yep. They're doin' mighty fine. I sure wish we could get some more water in here though.

SOUND OF FIRE SIREN OFF. COMING ON QUICKLY

JERRY: Hey, that must be Mary coming up.

JIM: By George, that's who it is all right! Good for Mary!

JERRY: Look what she's got, Jim? A regular fire engine. It's the Winding Creek Fire Department's tank truck!

TRUCK ON, MOTOR ROARS, THEN OUT

1 JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yep. Kinda funny seein't it here in the
2 woods, huh? But it's sure gonna help.

3 MARY: (COMING ON) Hello, Mr. Robbins. Here's your water and
4 pumps.....

5 JIM: That's fine, Mary. Might fine.

6 MARY: And volunteer Mary Holloway of the Forest Fire Fighters
7 Service awaits your further orders.

8 MUSIC INTERLUDE

9 JIM: (FADING IN) Well, it was a tough battle while it lasted.

10 JERRY: I'll say. And boy, does this easy chair feel good.

11 JIM: Kinda tired, huh, Jerry?....Say, Mary, bringing that
12 town tank truck out here sure did help.

13 MARY: Oh, it wasn't a bit original, Mr. Robbins, my taking the
14 town truck. You see, I remembered reading about that
15 Fire Fighters crew in Maryland that did the very same thing
16 and saved a lot of forest land and farm buildings from
17 destruction. I thought if they could do it in Maryland,
18 we could do it on the Pine Cone, too.

19 JIM: Well, it was a swell stunt. That water was just what we
20 needed.

21 PHONE RINGS

22 BESS: Hello, Ranger Station.....Yes?...Just a moment. (TO JIM)
23 It's Harry Devonshire again, Jim. He wants to know about
24 the fire.

25 JIM: Tell him it's all under control, Bess.

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WEEK 10: 10/10/10

BESS: He wants to talk to you, Jim.

JIM: All right. (RECEIVER DOWN) Hello, Harry?...Yeah, that's right, Harry. We've got it practically all mopped up already....Secret weapon? Oh, you're still wondering about that secret weapon on forest fires, huh? Well, listen to this, Harry. I'll tell you about that secret weapon, and it's no secret either. The only secret weapon we have is trained volunteer manpower in place of the regular fire-fighters we've lost. Trained citizen volunteers plus a lot of initiative and spirit. They're the volunteers of the Forest Fire Fighters Service, the Triple F-S..... How did we do it? Ask your own fellow-townsmen there in Willow Glen, Harry. Ask Sam Miller, your butcher, and Tom Wilson out of the bank, they were out there on the fire. And Mrs. Wilson, lugging the drinking water for the boys on the line. Ask those three young huskies on the high school football team who rolled that big log off the fire line, and the fella that runs your moving picture show, he was out there with a shovel. And Mary Halloway, who brought up the tank truck.....Yeah, Miss Halloway, the local school teacher. She's a truck driver for the Forest Fire Fighters Service.. Huh? Sure, there's volunteer crews like that all over the country, Harry, training for the job....That's right, Harry.. Well, I s'pect you could....All right, so long. (HANGS UP.)

It seems to talk to you, Sam.

All right. (SPEAKING INTO PHONE) Hello, Henry? Hello.

That's right, Henry. No, no, it's perfectly all right.

Nothing up already... Goodbye, Henry? No, you're all right.

Nothing about that secret weapon on the island, Sam?

Well, Henry, I'll tell you the whole story.

Secret weapon, and it's no secret either. The way

secret weapon we have is a special kind of weapon.

In place of the usual five-fingered hand, we have

trained eleven volunteers this lot of specialists.

and a little. They're the volunteers of the moment, Sam.

Rightest tactics, the triple T-8... You see, we've got

Ask your own father-in-law, there in Wall Street, Sam.

Ask for Henry, your father, and Sam Wilson, one of the

best, they were out there on the line. And they were

fighting the winning war for two days on the line.

These three young fellows in the high school to-day, Sam.

the nation, Sam, for the time being, and for

Calla then were your father's friends, Sam, for the

same with a special. And Sam Wilson, who knows the

whole story, Sam, and Henry, the whole story.

That's a special device for the moment, Sam, for the

time, Sam, it's a special device for the time being, Sam.

And, Sam, it's a special device for the time being, Sam.

Well, I've got you covered... All right, no more. Goodbye.

MARY: Is Mr. Devonshire going to write a story about the fire for his paper, Mr. Robbins?

JIM: You bet he is. He said the best story he'd had in a long time was right under his nose all the time and he didn't see it....And....(CHUCKLES)

(ALTERNATE SCRIPT FOR CLOSING, AUGUST 5 RANGER PROGRAM)

MUSICAL FINALE

ANNOUNCER: And now, folks, here we are in the studio with the members of our Forest Ranger cast. Harvey Hays here... familiarly known to you as Ranger Jim Robbins....is sporting a bright new arm band.....a red pine tree on a white triangle, set in the middle of the blue circle of Civilian Defense.

HARVEY: It's the arm band of the Forest Fire Fighters Service.

ANNOUNCER: Yes sir, today our Pine Cone Forest Ranger family has received a special honor...appointment as honorary members of the Triple F-S. I want to read you the letter they have just received from Washington. It says:
"It is my great pleasure to inform you of your appointment as honorary members of the Forest Fire Fighters Service of the Office of Civilian Defense with the proud mark of distinction pertaining thereto. This honor comes to you in recognition of your splendid efforts in behalf of our volunteer firefighting organization. Through your work you have helped immeasurably to focus the interest of many Farm and Home Hour listeners upon their responsibility to protect their neighborhood resources and at the same time contribute in a significant way to earlier defeat of the enemy.. Very sincerely yours, David P. Godwin, National Coordinator, Forest Fire Fighters Service.."
(SLIGHT PAUSE) Well, congratulations, folks.

(ALTERNATE SCRIPT FOR CLOSING, AUGUST 5 HAWKIN PROGRAM)

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(SLIGHT PAUSE) Well, congratulations, folks.

ALL: Thank you.

HARVEY: Seriously, we're proud as can be, all of us, in being identified in this way with as splendid a volunteer organization as the forest Fire Fighters Service. Speaking for all of us, I want to assure Mr. Godwin, who is listening in, that we'll keep right on doing our best to tell our many friends of the Farm and Home Hour about their responsibility in keeping our forest resources free from fire. Thank you, and good luck to all the 175,000 patriots of our Forest Fire Fighters Service in the splendid and vital work they are doing here on the home front..

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Harvey Hays.. Friends, Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture....

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